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Judge rules DUI law unconstitutional

Civil-liberties lawyers and members of the hospitality industry have complained the new law scared people away from having a few drinks responsibly

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▶ RCMP Const. Faz Majid removes an open bottle of beer from a motorist's car during a roadside check in Surrey in September 2010.

Part of a law the B.C. government heralds as responsible for saving lives by keeping drunk drivers out of their vehicles has been ruled unconstitutional by a judge who found motorists are given little chance to defend themselves if they blow over the legal blood-alcohol limit at a roadside test.

Justice Jon Sigurdson found B.C.'s new law goes too far by allowing automatic driving suspensions of up to 90 days, impounding of vehicles and the imposition of thousands of dollars in costs when someone blows over .08 on a roadside screening device.

The law violates constitutional protections against search and seizure, he concluded.

"While the consequences from the search are substantial and approach criminal law sanctions, there is no way under the impugned law for the driver to challenge the validity of the results," Sigurdson wrote in the judgment released yesterday.

The B.C. government credited the legislation with leading to a significant drop in the number of deaths from drunk driving over the past year. On average, 113 people died per year between 2005 and 2010 as a result of impaired driving, but that number dropped to 45 after the law was introduced last October.

Solicitor general Shirley Bond said only a "minor fix" is needed to bring the law into line with the Constitution.

She noted that Sigurdson upheld most of the law, rejecting arguments that the province was infringing on federal turf by enacting it.

"We're very pleased with the ruling today," Bond said, adding the government will be moving as quickly as possible to address the portion of the legislation Sigurdson rejected.

The law allows for penalties that could cost suspended drivers more than $4,000 and prompt them to lose driving privileges and their vehicle for up to 90 days without recourse to a lawyer or a courtroom. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Charges approved against accused rioters

Crown prosecutors have approved 61 charges against 25 suspected Stanley Cup rioters, Vancouver police announced yesterday.

Integrated riot investigation team Insp. Les Yeo said in a media release that the first approved charges represent just the beginning. "We will continue to work closely with the special prosecution team as even more charges are expected in the coming days and week," he said.

The 61 charges stem from the initial batch of 163 charges that Vancouver police recommended to the Crown in October. Criminal Justice Branch spokesperson Neil MacKenzie said a team of five full-time prosecutors is still sifting through the initial batch of charges. "We're continuing to analyze the 163 charges," he said. "So far there have not been any charges that we will not proceed on."

All of the accused rioters — between the ages of 17 and 33 — face charges of participating in a riot, along with lesser charges like arson, break-and-enter, assault and mischief.

MATT KIELTYKA

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▶ A man strikes a car with a hockey stick during the June 15 Stanley Cup riot in Vancouver.

Mounties in it for long haul

Agreement-in-principle reached with RCMP 20-year deal contains opt-out clause and five-year review

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British Columbia has hitched its horse with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Solicitor general Shirley Bond confirmed yesterday that the province has reached an agreement-in-principle with the RCMP for a new 20-year service contract.

Premier Christy Clark said earlier in the day that the province — leading a negotiating bloc made up of other territories and provinces — managed to get some cost assurances and management concerns resolved before signing the deal, but details are not yet being released publicly.

"(Municipalities) want the RCMP back, but we need to have some control in the growth of costs and we need to make sure we have more accountability to the local and provincial governments," Clark said. "I have to say I've been delighted in the progress we've made in the negotiations."

British Columbia contains the largest deployment of RCMP officers in the country. Renewal negotiations were in progress for several years but derailed in September when the federal government offered B.C. a take-it-or-leave-it offer — which Bond deemed unsuitable — and imposed a Nov. 30 deadline.

Bond told media that the province received most, but not all, of the items they were pushing for. The tentative deal will be shared with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and then made public.

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▶ An RCMP officer stands vigil at the RCMP E-division headquarters in Vancouver.

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B.C. hopes to trim $1.6B HST tab

The province is still actively looking to bargain down the $1.6 billion it owes the federal government for scrapping the Harmonized Sales Tax.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Premier Christy Clark said she's in regular contact with Ottawa about the transitional funding that needs to be repaid.

"I think everybody who voted (in the HST referendum) knew that we would be legally obliged to pay back the $1.6 billion," Clark said. "We're a government that takes our legal obligation seriously. Nevertheless, we would like to try to make sure we're getting the best deal so we're working on that right now."

Clark wouldn't say how much lower she'd like to see the repayment figure but said having to pay the full amount would making running the province difficult.

"We're trying to balance our budget in 2013-14, so we have a tough road ahead of us if we're trying to do that," she said, adding that the Conservatives are aware of the province's fiscal situation. **MATT KIELTYKA**

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▶ Premier Christy Clark

B.C. woman renews plea for legal right to die with dignity

▶ Suffering from ALS, Gloria Taylor is seeking doctor-assisted suicide ▶ The right-to-die challenge has been hearing expert evidence for two weeks ▶ Plaintiff's case opens tomorrow

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▶ Media surround Gloria Taylor as she addresses a news conference in downtown Vancouver yesterday.

One of Gloria Taylor's greatest fears is suffocating before she dies, her weak body struggling for air like a fish out of water.

It's part of the reason the 63-year-old grandmother has "gritted her teeth" to appear before a crowd of media and before a B.C. Supreme Court judge today.

Taylor has Lou Gehrig's disease, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which damages the neuromuscular system. She is the reason the hearing on assisted suicide has been accelerated in B.C. Supreme Court.

"I must make this very clear: I do not want to die," she said. "I want to live every day that I can to the fullest, one day at a time. What I do not want is to die an agonizing, slow, difficult, unpleasant, undignified death."

While she's fighting for the right to end her life, she said she isn't ready to make any decisions about doing that soon.

"I'm not there today, so it's hard for me to say what I will do, how I will do it, with who I will do it — other than my family — or if I will do it. I don't know until I get there."

The fight isn't just for her. Taylor's voice faltered as she spoke of a friend's recent, gruesome death, saying it wasn't peaceful or dignified, and that she does not want to die that way.

She visited with Peter Fenker, who also had Lou Gehrig's disease, in the days before his death and they talked about assisted dying.

"He expressed to me how he wished that he could have that ... and he said, 'Gloria, you gotta go and you gotta win. You gotta win this for everybody.' He said, 'It's too late for me, but you just gotta win this case."

Fenker also filed an affidavit with the court asking for the right to die without pain and with a doctor's help.

He died just weeks before the hearing began in what Fenker's wife, Grace, described to the court as a horror-filled four days in hospital, where he pleaded with her to help him die.

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Won't testify

- Gloria Taylor won't testify, but she told reporters yesterday she wants to be present so the judge can put a face to the court affidavit she filed that requests assistance in her death.

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Roaring with Pride

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▶ A fan wears the B.C. Lions' colours yesterday at the Grey Cup championship party at BC Place.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

▶ Russ Gordon and his son, Robbie, celebrate the B.C. Lions' victory.

Russ Gordon said he couldn't be happier to celebrate the B.C. Lions' victory with his four-year-old son, Robbie.

The father and son, who watched the Leos go from worst to first, were among the more than 5,000 fans that were saluted by the Lions for keeping the faith.

Gordon said he has been an active supporter of the Lions because of the way the team treats their fans.

"I can remember one of the games last year before the playoff game with Hamilton — they were at practice out in Surrey," he said. "We were standing on the gate, and as they were leaving the field every single player stopped and shook hands with (my son) on the way out. The way they treated my son that day — the team will always have my love."

Angus Reid said it's great to have a chance to celebrate with the fans.

"We have great interaction with our fans. We connect with them, we give back to them and we share everything. Our win is their win. It's great to be able to do it together."

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

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▶ Geroy Simon, left, and Travis Lulay show off the Grey Cup for fans.

"After starting (the season) with 0-5, everybody counted us out. The way we came back, getting into the playoffs, winning the West, beating the team that beat us twice in the Grey Cup at home. It's a storybook season. It's something that we'll remember forever."

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OPINION

ZEROING IN ON NEW HIV INFECTIONS

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It's World AIDS Day. The United Nations global message is simple. Getting to Zero: zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination, zero AIDS-related deaths.

While there still is not a cure, the goal of ending the HIV-AIDS epidemic is a real possibility.

Research now shows that HIV treatment is also HIV prevention. An HIV-positive person who takes daily HIV treatment consistently is approximately 96 per cent less likely to infect others. With HIV treatment added to other HIV-prevention tools such as condoms and clean needles for drug users, getting to zero is possible. Globally, annual new HIV infections have already dropped 21 per cent between 1997 and 2010.

Investing in getting HIV treatment to everyone who needs it — which is the right thing to do anyways — will also save millions of health-care dollars. The biggest hurdles in getting to zero are the fear of being tested because of stigma and discrimination associated with HIV-AIDS; successfully treating individuals who struggle with mental illness, addictions and homelessness; and political will.

How can you help in getting to zero?

• **Get tested.** It's estimated that 26 per cent of HIV-positive Canadians don't know they are HIV-positive. Everyone should get tested regularly. Early diagnosis allows you to get on HIV medication quickly, which is good for your health and prevents further HIV transmission.

• **Use the prevention tools.** Condoms, clean needles, etc. Don't think you are safe just because you are heterosexual. Over 30 per cent of new HIV cases in Canada in 2009 were a result of heterosexual sex.

• **Speak up.** Help end stigma and discrimination. Advocate for HIV treatment, access to clean drug-using equipment and supervised injection services for people who use drugs.

Getting to zero is possible. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Many things seem impossible, until they're done."

Maxine Davis is the executive director of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation, which operates the Dr. Peter Centre.

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New campaign urges young people to take the test

A new campaign launched to encourage sexually active young British Columbians to get an HIV test hopes people will do their part in ending the disease.

The social media campaign called Share the Pledge, Take the Test encourages people to visit treatmentasprevention.ca, where they can pledge to take an HIV test and share their pledge with friends through Facebook and Twitter.

While sharing the pledge is social, test results don't have to be disclosed to others.

"The treatment-as-prevention campaign is about creating a social movement to stop the spread of HIV," said Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, in a statement.

Montaner stressed that testing for HIV is a critical first step to help people stay healthy and prevent further transmission of the disease. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Going red for AIDS

Iconic buildings in Vancouver and Toronto will light up red to commemorate World AIDS Day.

BC Place and the CN Tower in Toronto will change their lights to red in support of the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research to help raise awareness for this global epidemic and the research needed to find a cure.

The landmarks will go red today from 5 p.m. onwards.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

News in brief

Rapid HIV test at UBC

As part of a new social-marketing campaign called It's Different Now, Providence Health Care and Vancouver Coastal Health are offering students at the University of B.C. rapid HIV testing today.

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Ledcor invests $70 million in marine transport and biofuel division Premier says demand is big in Asia

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▶ Lee Coonfer, Ledcor vice-president of public affairs, escorts Premier Christy Clark to the dock where one of the company's new barges awaits at Canada Place yesterday.

British Columbia is successfully "navigating the stormy seas" of the global economy, Premier Christy Clark proclaimed yesterday.

Clark was on hand as Vancouver-based Ledcor Industries announced the acquisition of 12 new barges and the firm Renewable Resources, a B.C. outfit that processes wood fibre in the Interior.

The combined $70-million investment means Ledcor will be able to source, harvest, process and deliver woodchips and hog fuel to customers.

Paul McElligott, the new transportation division head, said Ledcor is in a position to be a "one-stop shop" in the biofuel industry.

Clark, fresh off a trade mission to China and India, thinks it is just a matter of time before B.C.'s renewable-energy industry starts feeding global demand.

"Particularly places like India … their appetite for biofuel is very, very strong. It's a business very much of the future," she said. "We really want to make B.C. the clean-energy powerhouse in North America, so today's announcement by Ledcor is a step toward achieving that goal. For British Columbia, it means jobs."

Ledcor employs approximately 2,200 people in B.C.

PETA. Cattle call

▶ PETA activists protest yesterday outside the B.C. Dairy Industry Conference at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

The herd demands to be heard

Dressed in cow costumes and brandishing signs, members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals urged the public to dump dairy products and choose rice, soy or almond milk instead. The group says cows are tormented by being repeatedly impregnated to keep producing milk. The best way to stop the cruelty and safeguard human health is to go vegan, PETA campaigner Hayden Hamilton said yesterday.

Drive-by shooting gang-related: Police

Delta police are on the lookout for a small red sports car with tinted windows and a spoiler after a gang-related drive-by shooting on Tuesday night.

No one was injured in the attack on the 9200 block of 114th Avenue in North Delta.

The shooting was targeted, police said, adding there is no concern for public safety.

Police said multiple shots were fired from a small red sports car at another vehicle, reportedly a Mercedes-Benz SUV.

One of the two occupants is known to associate with gang members, police said.

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Iconic Penthouse strip club burns

- Police officer noticed fire just before 4:30 a.m.
- Flames, heavy smoke seen when firefighters arrived

The Penthouse on Seymour Street suffered significant smoke and fire damage when a two-alarm blaze broke out early yesterday morning.

Capt. Gabe Roder, a spokesman for Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, said the fire was difficult to fight as the Penthouse is made up of several buildings and has undergone many renovations in its 64-year history.

The fire was extinguished at 6 a.m. No one was reported injured.

Roder said the blaze started in a second-floor change room. The cause is not known, but appears to have been accidental.

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▶ The Penthouse Night Club on Seymour Street.

The Penthouse, which was opened by the Filippone brothers in 1947, is now a strip joint, but was a destination supper club in its early days, featuring singers such as Sammy Davis Jr. and Harry Belafonte, and attracting A-list audiences including Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald.

Walls of the club are crowded with photos of its star-studded past and the current owner, a nephew of one of the original founders, is confident those pictures have been salvaged.

The club also appeared in a Snoop Dogg music video and was featured heavily in Chris Haddock's television series Intelligence, which aired for two seasons on CBC.

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Career. Minded

▶ High school students and job seekers gathered yesterday at the Education and Career Fair at the Vancouver Convention Centre East, featuring schools like La Salle College, which displayed student-made dresses from its fashion design program.

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Students looking into the future

The event featured five areas — career training, colleges, universities, associations and employers. Thousands of students had a chance to speak with representatives from educational institutes and organizations face-to-face.

Salmon virus detected nine years ago?

A U.S. fisheries scientist says an unpublished paper that suggests a potentially devastating fish virus was found off B.C.'s coast as early as 2002 is credible.

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Clinton fanning flames of reform

Secretary of State carries the hopes of the White House with her as she travels to isolated Myanmar

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▶ U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton arrives at the airport in Naypyitaw, Myanmar, yesterday.

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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived in Myanmar yesterday, hoping "flickers of progress" would burst into flames of reform there.

Clinton's diplomatically risky trip to a nation that receives few outsiders is meant to test whether the new civilian leaders are truly ready to throw off 50 years of military dictatorship.

U.S. officials said she would press the leadership on severing military and suspected nuclear ties with North Korea.

It is the first trip by a secretary of state to Myanmar, also known as Burma, in more than half a century.

"I am obviously looking to determine … what is the intention of the current government with respect to continuing reforms both political and economic," Clinton told reporters before her arrival.

"We and many other nations are quite hopeful that these flickers of progress … will be ignited into a movement for change that will benefit the people of the country."

Clinton declined to discuss specific steps she would suggest to the military-backed government or say how the U.S. might reciprocate for positive change. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Small steps

- U.S. officials are cautious about what Clinton's three-day visit can accomplish beyond being a symbolic stamp of approval for the small steps of political and social reform under way since elections last year.
- Last week, Myanmar's parliament approved a law guaranteeing the right to protest, which had not previously existed. And improvements have been made in areas such as media and Internet access and political participation.
- But the government that took office in March is still dominated by a military-proxy political party, and the future is uncertain.

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Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, pictured left, is returning to Myanmar's political scene after decades of detention and harassment.

Myanmar cancelled 1990 elections that Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy won.

But she says she plans to run in upcoming elections.

"We and many other nations are quite hopeful that these flickers of progress … will be ignited into a movement for change that will benefit the people of the country," she said.

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Hockey. Toronto shrine

▶ A man on an escalator passes a sculpture of old Maple Leaf Gardens seats.

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In Aisle 25 ... memories

There are packages of history among the groceries. Toronto's former hockey shrine Maple Leaf Gardens reopened yesterday ... as a Loblaws grocery store. The store features many homages to hockey, including posters and murals, and a marker to the old Centre Ice in Aisle 25.

Call it 'sexpionage'?

Were Tories asleep at the wheel? Ex-China spy says they erred over MP's relations with Chinese scribe

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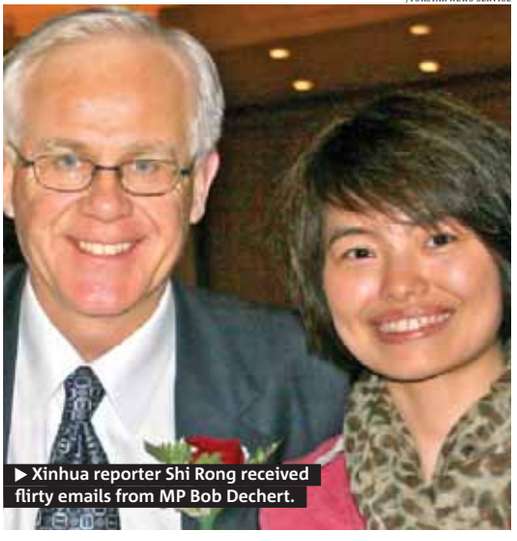

▶ Xinhua reporter Shi Rong received flirty emails from MP Bob Dechert.

A defector from China's spy service has sent a security warning to Ottawa.

Li Fengzhi says the Conservatives should have been more concerned when one of their MPs was exposed having a relationship with a reporter for China's state news agency.

Li, a former agent with China's Ministry of State Security, says politicians such as Foreign Affairs parliamentary secretary Bob Dechert are a top target of Chinese spies.

Dechert's affair with Toronto-based Xinhua reporter Shi Rong was revealed when someone hijacked her e-mail account and forwarded intimate messages she received from the Mississauga politician last year. The leak was traced back to an apparent domestic dispute with her husband.

Li said it's not possible to say with certainty that Shi sent intelligence back to Beijing, but the act of striking up a relationship with an elected official fits the modus operandi of Chinese spies.

"That's the normal way to get the job done," said Li.

He defected to the U.S. in 2003 and is now believed to be working for the Central Intelligence Agency. He was speaking to a high-level Quebec conference on espionage through video link. For security reasons, his location was not disclosed.

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Love and risks

- Despite his declarations of "love" for the reporter, the married Dechert said that their relationship was merely "flirtatious."
- Shi was called back to China when the relationship hit the news. And that is just another reason to be suspicious, Li Fengzhi said.
- "If the lady was called back to China very soon, I think it's possible she has some relationship with the security services — even if she's not an official agent of the Chinese security services," he said.

News in brief

Reserve loses control of cash

CRISIS. The federal government is taking control of public funding out of the hands of a Northern Ontario reserve grappling with a severe housing shortage.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan says he's also ordering an audit to find out where $90 million in federal money spent in Attawapiskat has gone over the last five years.

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42 dogs freed at puppy mill

CITIZEN'S TIP. Officials say 42 dogs have been rescued from a puppy mill in a community east of Woodstock, Ont., after an anonymous tip.

The Ontario SPCA says dogs were found living in houses too small for them in Creditville.

Dogs were tied to walls with short leashes or left outside with no shelter.

All 42 dogs, including some puppies, were taken to other kennels and veterinary hospitals.

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Teen charged in BBQ dine and dash

FOOD'S UP. A Halifax teen was apparently in need of a hearty meal when he allegedly broke into a home early yesterday and fired up the grill.

Police say a Fairview resident awoke to flames near his garage. He then saw the barbecue and burning ribs stolen from a freezer in his garage.

An 18-year-old was found hiding nearby. He faces charges including break-and-enter, theft, possession of stolen property and carrying a concealed weapon. METRO

Bullied girl latest to take own life

A 15-year-old girl in Eastern Quebec has become the latest victim of school bullying.

Marjorie Raymond took her own life after being tormented in the schoolyard.

Raymond's mother, Chantal Larose, says her daughter left a suicide note saying she had been besieged for the last year and couldn't face another day in school.

In Quebec City, Premier Jean Charest called the girl's death a tragedy and said the government has programs in place to fight bullying.

However, he admitted it's an ongoing struggle.

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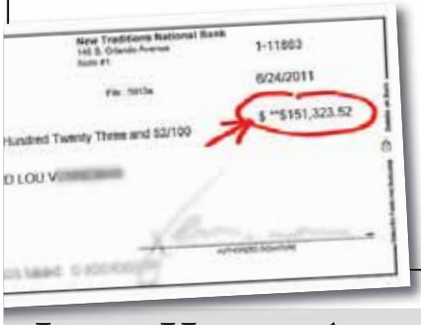

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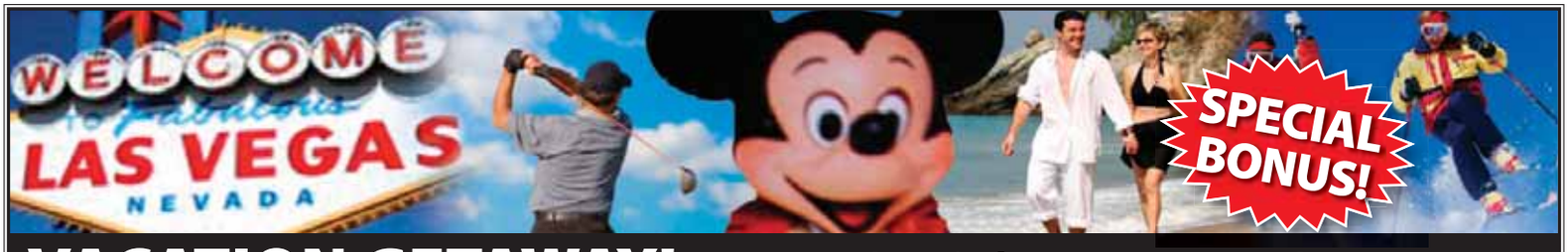

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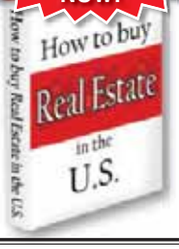

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AIDS was the major domestic public-health crisis of the '80s and '90s More recently, as medical research has provided longer and better lives to sufferers, the disease is no longer seen in this country as a certain death sentence Today, World AIDS Day, Metro takes stock of how far — and in what direction – we've come

HIV up among women, youth

World AIDS DAY '11

Men may make up the largest group of new HIV infections in Canada, but recent findings point to new demographics whose infection rates are on the rise: youth and women.

Thirty per cent of females diagnosed with HIV are between the ages of 15-19, up 16 per cent from 1996, says a report by the Public Health Agency in Canada.

Since 1985, youth between the ages of 15-29 have accounted for 26.5 per cent of new HIV cases.

These numbers prompted the Canadian AIDS Society to launch a month-long awareness campaign, called Get Out And Do Something, which targets youth.

"It was designed for youth because we are seeing a complacency," said Monique Doolittle-Ramas, executive director of the Canadian AIDS Society.

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"Asking serious questions such as 'Have you been tested for HIV?' remains a taboo subject even in relationships."
ANDRE CERANTO, A CO-ORDINATOR AT AIDS COMMITTEE OF TORONTO

She said part of the problem is that the issue isn't in their face.

"You can't look at somebody and say, 'This person has HIV.' (But) it's in every community, every neighbourhood."

Doolittle-Ramas said many people don't realize that women represented 26 per cent of positive HIV tests in 2008.

Despite that, young girls are often schooled to use condoms to prevent pregancy and STIs but not necessarily HIV.

"We need to be comfortable having that discussion, and I'm not sure we are," she said.

Andre Ceranto, a co-ordinator at AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), said some women are contracting the illness from their monogomous partners.

"Asking serious questions such as 'Have you been tested for HIV?' remains a taboo subject even in relationships," he said.

Dr. Evan Wood, co-director of the Addiction and Urban Health Research Initiative at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, says Canada's drug laws are fuelling an increase of HIV transmission among young women.

"(Jail) ... drives vulnerable groups to the margins of society, where HIV is more likely to spread," he said.

Doolittle-Ramas said she doesn't think Canadians realize that 65,000 people in this country are living with HIV-AIDS.

"It's a discussion we have to have," she said. "Unfortunately it does not lead in media stories any longer, sowe have a big job to get the information out."

KENDRA WONG IN VANCOUVER

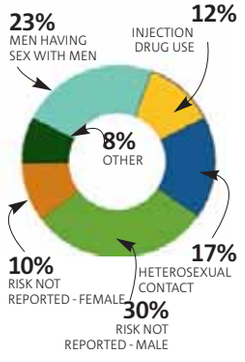
Metro's AIDS feature continues {page 22}

Distinction

- **HIV.** Human immunodeficiency virus is transmitted through sexual fluids or blood. The virus affects the immune system and inhibits its ability to fight off infection. HIV can develop into AIDS within an average of 10 years.
- **AIDS.** Acquired immune deficiency syndrome is diagnosed when a person's white-blood-cell count drops below 200 (the average is between 600 and 1,200). The immune system becomes severely weakened and is no longer able to fight off infection.

Risk analysis

Among those who have tested positive for HIV in Canada, the following behaviours were reported:



Your tweets

Are today's youth better or worse educated on HIV? Does online access influence that?

- **@SueNDN:** Not educated enough!! Talked to a public health nurse who said 5 diagnoses were made in one wk w teens and HIV :(
- **SurviveNGrind courtney smith:** @metrotoronto I find that the internet doesn't censor certain things and gives negative exposure to the youth, i.e.) a lot of access to porn

Does where people meet these days have any bearing on safe sex (stranger in a bar vs. a stranger online)?

- **@Clj1965:** @metrohalifax Both a bad idea
- **@donnaleaelliott:** @metrotoronto I think ppl think the internet dating scene is safe, some ppl talk for weeks b4 meeting in real life so they think it's safer.

What has changed with regard to HIV-AIDS in the last 20 years? Perceptions, prevention or other? Let us know what you think!

- **@Sarb28:** Magic Johnson has the cure but he doesn't want to share.
- **@daphtpunk:** @metrotoronto I think perceptions, prevention, and awareness.. remember Degrassi episode when scared to touch kid w/ HIV?

Giving pandemic a mainstream face

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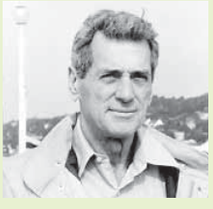

1985: Death of Rock Hudson

The '50s matinee idol's AIDS-related death in October 1985 was a seismic moment in the disease's history, prompting the public to rethink knee-jerk reactions that had characterized AIDS sufferers as deviants. Donations to research efforts flourished in the wake of the actor's death.

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1991: Salt-N-Pepa "Let's Talk About Sex"/"Let's talk about AIDS"

S-n-P's mega-hit (and alternate version, which more directly addressed the pandemic) is a mark of AIDS' destigmatization in the mainstream. To the kids doing the running man to this track at middle-school dances, AIDS was everyone's problem, not just a gay problem.

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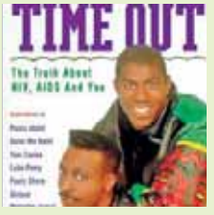

1992: Magic's crusade

It would be hard to name an organization with more youth cachet circa 1991 than the NBA, and it would be even harder to name a man more widely loved than Magic Johnson. The HIV-positive superstar played on the Dream Team, stayed cool with Arsenio and has since proved that life after diagnosis can be long and rich.

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1994: Tom Hanks wins Oscar for Philadelphia

Perhaps unsurprisingly it took almost 15 years for Hollywood to provide its mass audience with a sympathetic portrait of a well-to-do white man with AIDS. It's also instructive to consider how resolutely this narrative — that of the AIDS sufferer's stoic reckoning with a death sentence — has been abandoned.

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2004: Team America: World Police

Cut to 10 years later: the South Park guys' score a hit with Everyone Has AIDS, a musical mockery of the solemnity of Rent, which debuted on Broadway in the mid-'90s. Back then, the song would have been seen as malicious; in the mid-aughts, tellingly, it was merely irreverent.

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To complete an online quiz and to read about the frontline battle in Peru against the killer disease, visit metronews.ca/AIDSday For a full list of AIDS Day-related events across Canada, visit worldaids.ca

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Bruce, 46. Born and raised in St. Catharines, Ont.
On the face of HIV: "It was considered a gay disease. (Now) it's all walks of life. It could be your cousin, it could be your grandmother."

Cindy, 43. Born and raised in Toronto.
On HIV in her life: "My best friend in the whole world — we didn't talk again because she wouldn't let me hold her baby when it was born.... It impacted all of my decisions."

James, 57. Born and raised in Cape Breton.
On his buying habits these days: "I went to ask my doctor, and he said, 'You're not going to die of AIDS, you'll die of old age.' So I went out and I bought the (photo) enlarger."

The face of HIV in Canada

One was a paediatric nurse; another a tradeshow exhibitor; another a musician and actor. Some are straight, some gay, some educated professionals; another was a runaway who lived many early years on the streets. Together, they represent the face of HIV — diverse in gender, sexuality, profession and upbringing.

In the leadup to World AIDS Day, Metro visited Toronto's Casey House. Once considered a hospice for those with AIDS to go in their final days, it's now a growing outreach centre as people living with HIV are living longer than ever.

Here we share some of their stories and important messages in this new age of HIV treatment.

For more photos and full profiles, go to metronews.ca/AIDSday

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Kenneth, 51. Born and raised in Hong Kong, moved to Winnipeg at 16 on a student visa.
On prejudice: "I was bullied once — they called me a chink. Now people judge me because I'm blind. We adapt."

Kevin, 48. Born and Raised on St. Joseph's Island, northern Ontario.
On medication: "You remember how fragile you are as a human being every time you pop those pills."

Tonie, 48. Born in Alberta but adopted by a family in the U.S., where she grew up.
On HIV: "I wouldn't wish this on anybody. I would wake up and think, 'What, am I going to die this year?'"

SEARCHING FOR THE POSITIVE IN BEING POSITIVE

MEMOIR

CHRISTOPHER WILSON
FOR METRO

July 2002: I was diagnosed as HIV-positive at age 28. I remember clearly when the nurse at the Hassle Free Clinic in Toronto asked me how I was feeling after he spoke the words. I replied, "Shocked. Yeah, shocked." I knew that I had been with a positive partner in the past and that not all of our sexual practices had been safe. I had sincerely hoped not to keep a souvenir from that relationship.

I was terrified, and within an hour of leaving the clinic I found myself in the fetal position on a downtown sidewalk — in broad daylight — sobbing. Strangers stopped to see if I was all right, but their kind faces from that day remain an emotional blur in my consciousness.

I eventually met my now ex-husband. He entered our relationship HIV-negative and remained so for the time we were together.

Four years ago, my doctor informed me that it was time to begin antiretroviral treatment. I became angry and resentful, not wanting to admit to myself that I would now be reliant on drugs to survive. I didn't take his advice and later contracted an AIDS-related form of pneumonia that nearly killed me.

December 2012: I'm living vibrantly with HIV. The virus is certainly a part of my life, but it in no way defines who I am. I'm now divorced; my ex-husband could not ultimately negotiate this "thing" living inside of me.

I date casually, though I occasionally struggle with disclosure issues and potential rejection with HIV-negative men. But, in all honesty, I walk each day with the intention of finding the positive in being positive.

Living with HIV can certainly be complicated, but I have learned that even the most seemingly insurmountable obstacles can be overcome. Yes, there have been health casualties and relationship losses along the way. But there has also been a great deal of strength and insight that I have learned from my journey.

Ultimately, HIV and its presence in my life, has led me to a much deeper and richer understanding of myself and the world in which I live.

Christopher Wilson is the writer-composer of the new musical drama Living With Henry, which explores his life experiences and seeks to educate, inform and inspire others. It premiered at this year's Toronto Fringe Festival. livingwithhenry.com

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Occupiers promise winter protests

Camps in tatters U.S. organizers shifting tactics
Rallies may be held at 2012 political conventions

The overnight police raids in Philadelphia and Los Angeles that dismantled two of the nation's biggest Occupy Wall Street encampments leave just a few major "occupations" still going on around the U.S. But activists are already changing tactics and warning of a winter of discontent, with rallies and marches every week.

The camps may bloom again in the spring, organizers said, and next summer could bring huge demonstrations at the Republican and Democratic conventions, when the whole world is watching. But for now they are promoting dozens of smaller actions, such as picketing the president in New York and staging sit-ins at homes marked for foreclosure.

"We intend to use this for what it is — basically six months to get our feet underneath us, to get strong," said Phil Striegel, a community activist in San Francisco.

Yesterday, masked sanitation workers hauled away 25 tons of debris from the lawns around Los Angeles City Hall after police raided the protesters' camp in the middle of the night and arrested more than 300 people. In Philadelphia, dozens of police patrolled a plaza outside city hall after sweeping it of demonstrators and arresting 50.

In the past few weeks, police broke up encampments in such cities as Portland, Ore.; Oakland, Calif.; and New York, where the sit-down protests against social inequality and corporate excesses began in mid-September.

While some observers wondered whether the movement would wither without ground on which to make its stand, many protesters are refusing to concede defeat.

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Hanging tough

- Demonstrators are still at it in places like Boston and Washington, with each city having encampments of about 100 tents yesterday. Dozens of protesters are fighting eviction from a community college campus in Seattle.

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▶ Police arrest a member of Occupy Philly yesterday in Philadelphia, after a small group refused to clear a street while police cleared the encampment.

Technology fuels messages of a movement

While the Occupy movement's motives may appear confused at times, its savvy use of technology has been anything but.

Teams of Occupy techies have used live-streaming video, social media and other tools to plan protests, reach out to the public, and maintain supplies of food and coffee.

"Social networks in the new millennium have really increased the stealth with which things like this can be done," said Jason Ross, a protester who helped set up computer gear for Occupy Toronto and Occupy Winnipeg.

"When (the start of the Toronto occupation on) Oct. 15 happened, I think most of North America had no clue that it was going to happen. To a lot of people it was a big surprise, but because we have a new generation that's tech-friendly, they were very quick to get the word out."

From the beginning, the Toronto protest had a media tent from which members provided information via Twitter, Facebook and streaming video. Protesters in Toronto and other major cities have used free software to create what is essentially their own video news channel.

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▶ Protestors at Occupy Wall Street's media area co-ordinate news updates on laptop computers powered by a portable gas-powered generator back in October.

The control

- One delicate matter was who, in a movement that prides itself on being decentralized and egalitarian, was given authority to post messages on the group's social media sites.
- In some locations, movement members have held elections to determine who can post messages on the group's behalf.

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▶ British police officers stand guard outside the Iranian Embassy in London yesterday. Britain's foreign secretary ordered Iranian diplomats out of the U.K. following attacks on the British embassy and a residential compound in Tehran.

IRAN'S DIPLOMATS BOOTED

Britain yesterday ordered Iran to remove all its diplomats from the U.K. within 48 hours following attacks on its embassy and a residential compound in Tehran — one of the most significant diplomatic retaliations against Iran since the 1979 U.S. embassy crisis.

Foreign Secretary William Hague told the House of Commons that Britain had also withdrawn its entire diplomatic staff from Iran after angry mobs hauled down Union Jack flags, torched a vehicle and tossed looted documents through windows.

The rare move to kick out a country's entire diplomatic corps marks a significant souring of ties between Iran and the West, amid deepening suspicions over Tehran's pursuit of nuclear weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Outrage floods Britain

Country's largest strike in over 3 decades ◐ 2M public-sector staff stop working ◐ State-run schools close ◐ Non-urgent hospital operations halted

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▶ An anti-corporate protester dressed as a police officer mocks real British police officers in central London yesterday.

Paramedics, emergency crews, teachers and even some employees from the prime minister's office took to the streets of Britain for the country's largest strike in decades — drawing attention to government cuts but failing to bring the nation to a standstill.

Public sector employees staged the one-day walkout Wednesday over government demands that they work longer before receiving a pension and pay more in monthly contributions, part of austerity measures to tackle Britain's $1.5 trillion debt.

The strike came a day after the government announced that public sector pay raises will be limited to 1 per cent through 2014 — even as inflation now runs about 5 per cent.

Prime Minister David Cameron defended the government's stance in Parliament, insisting that "as people live longer it's only right and only fair that you should make greater contributions."

"I don't want to see any strikes, I don't want to see schools closed, I don't want to see problems at our borders, but this government must make responsible decisions," Cameron told the House of Commons.

Treasury Chief George Osborne insists public pensions must be reformed. A government report suggests the gap between contributions and payments could rise to $14 billion by 2015. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. gets bad rap at climate talks

- Non-profits stress urgency of finding solutions
- Remind Clinton of Obama's presidential pledges

Leading American environmentalists complained yesterday to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that her negotiators at UN climate talks risked portraying the U.S. as an obstacle to fighting global warming because of its perceived foot-dragging on key issues.

Separately, European delegates and the head of the African bloc at the 192-party forum also denounced U.S. positions at the sessions, which are seeking ways to curb the ever-expanding emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases.

"Developed countries as a whole are not taking climate change seriously as a global issue," Seyni Nafo of Mali said. "Look at the U.S. We use and we welcome their leadership on democracy, on access to markets, on human rights issues. We would want to have the same leadership to tackle climate change, because for us in the developing world the biggest threat, the biggest enemy, is climate change."

"This is a critical meeting, and we are rapidly running out of time to avert the worst impacts of climate change."
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Discontent directed at Washington came as the UN's leading climate scientist, Rajendra Pachauri, warned the conference's 15,000 participants that global warming is leading to human dangers and soaring financial costs, but that containing carbon emissions will have a host of benefits.

Although he gave no explicit deadlines, the head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change implied that the world has only a few years before the Earth is irreversibly damaged by an accumulation of carbon in the atmosphere. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Oil. Protest

▶ Indigenous people from Canada and South Africa demonstrate outside Durban, South Africa, yesterday against Shell Oil's tarsands development in Alberta.

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Activists unite for climate cause

Carbon discovered in unlikely source

Massive amounts of greenhouse gases trapped below thawing permafrost will likely seep into the air over the next several decades, accelerating and amplifying global warming, scientists warn.

Those heat-trapping gases under the frozen Arctic ground could be a bigger factor in global warming than the cutting down of forests, and a scenario that climate scientists hadn't quite accounted for, according to a group of permafrost experts.

The gases won't contribute as much as pollution from power plants, cars, trucks and planes, though.

The permafrost scientists predict that over the next three decades a total of about 45 billion metric tons of carbon from methane and carbon dioxide will seep into the atmosphere when permafrost thaws during summers.

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Scrooging on Santa sessions

Evening Skype chats with Santa Claus can be done from home at families' convenience, Toronto mall says

A Canadian holiday tradition for more than 100 years is coming to an end this year — no, Virginia, the little ones won't be lining up to see Santa Claus at the famed Toronto Eaton Centre.

Since just after the turn of the century, Eaton's flagship store in the city's downtown has been the hotspot for kids to meet Santa and give him their Christmas wish lists.

But changing times and fortunes, including those of the Eaton family who no longer own the shopping centre, mean Santa won't have such prime real estate this year.

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▶ Toronto's Eaton Centre

Instead of lining up to meet the jolly old man, children will instead be asked to sign up with the Eaton Centre to attend a weekend storytime session and get a photo on Santa's knee if they choose.

Santa is also now cool with cyberspace, so parents can register their kids for a 10-minute Skype session with him, also arranged through the shopping centre.

Both are free, says marketing director Meredith Vlitas, who decided to shake things up this year and look for more innovative ways to showcase St. Nick.

The traditional lineup waiting for a chance to sit on Santa's knee could sometimes last up to three hours or longer, said Vlitas. The Eaton Centre wanted to create a new experience that would be more fun for both parents and kids, she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Holiday. Sights

▶ Members of the Scottsdale Gun Club pose with Santa Claus and several automatic weapons at the Scottsdale, Ariz., club.

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Santa's a sure shot in Scottsdale

The idea for the photo-op arose last year, when a club member happened to come in dressed as Santa and other members wanted their picture taken while holding their guns, says the club's general manager, Ron Kennedy.

Yoga-pant policy unchanged: Board

A school board in Ottawa is denying reports of a clampdown on yoga pants at an area school.

The Ottawa Catholic School Board says there's been no change in the dress code at St. Joseph High School in Barrhaven.

Media reports had said yoga pants had been banned at the school because they are too "form-fitting."

But the board's spokeswoman says there was a regular school announcement reminding parents about the school's dress code, especially as it applies to tight clothing.

The issue comes in the same week as a Catholic board in Durham, east of Toronto, considered banning kilts.

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Drug-smuggling tunnel crops up

More than 70 tunnels have been found on U.S.-Mexico border since 2008 Many clustered around San Diego and Arizona

U.S. authorities said they discovered a major cross-border tunnel Tuesday, the latest in a spate of secret passages found to smuggle drugs from Mexico.

"It is clearly the most sophisticated tunnel we have ever found," said Lauren Mack, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in San Diego. She did not provide details. The tunnel links warehouses in San Diego and Tijuana, authorities said.

Mexican soldiers found the entrance on the south side of the border at a Tijuana warehouse after the U.S. opening was discovered.

As U.S. authorities heighten enforcement on land, tunnels have emerged as a major way to smuggle marijuana.

Raids last November on two tunnels linking San Diego and Tijuana netted a combined 52 tons of marijuana on both sides of the border, ranking among the largest pot busts in U.S. history. Those secret passages were lined with rail tracks, lighting and ventilation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Secret passage

The Tijuana warehouse is on the same block as a federal office.

The discovery comes less than two weeks after U.S. authorities found a passage linking warehouses in San Diego and Tijuana, seizing 17 tons of marijuana on both sides of the border.

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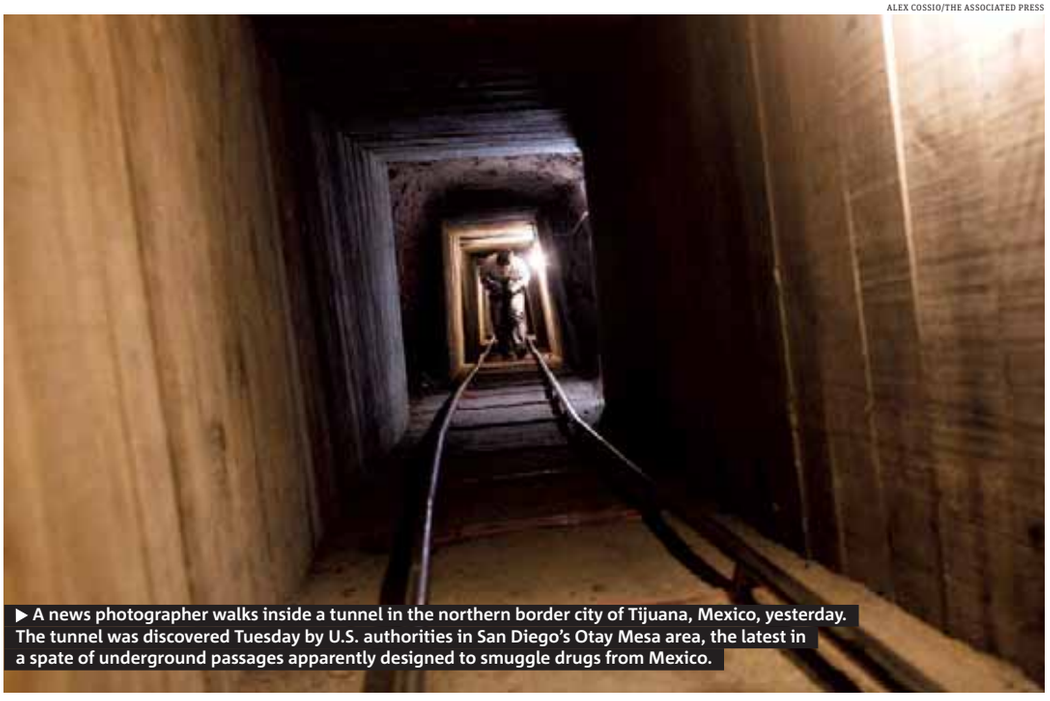
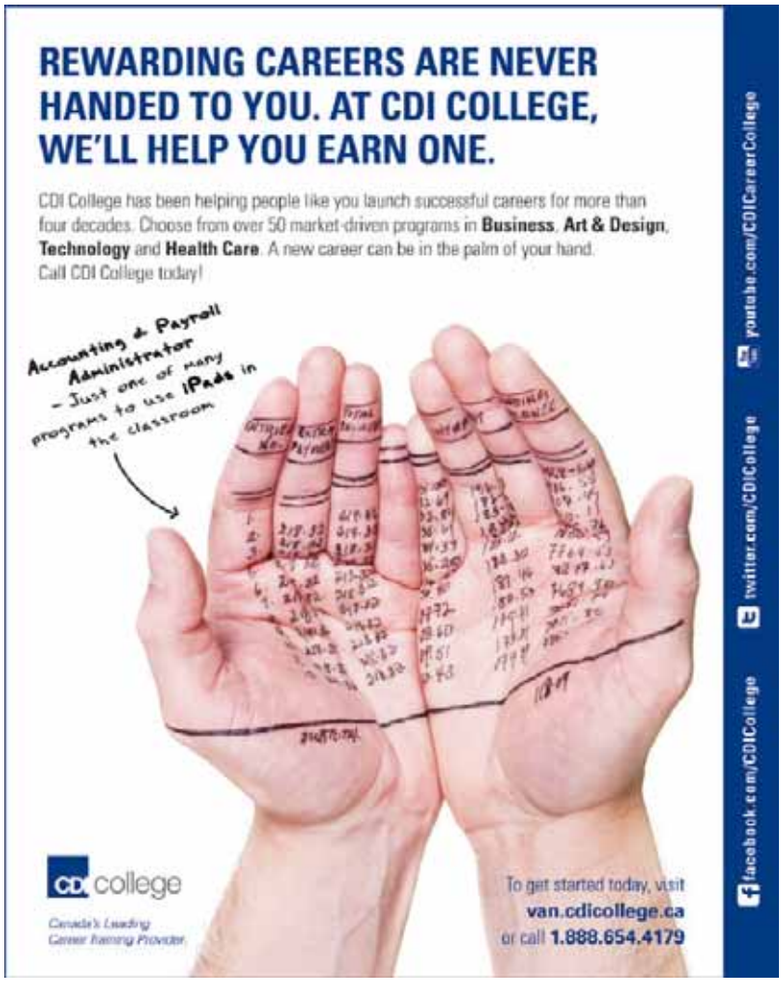


▶ A news photographer walks inside a tunnel in the northern border city of Tijuana, Mexico, yesterday. The tunnel was discovered Tuesday by U.S. authorities in San Diego's Otay Mesa area, the latest in a spate of underground passages apparently designed to smuggle drugs from Mexico.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RIM holds smartphone lead at home

Research in Motion's share of the smartphone market in Canada is slipping, but it's still ahead of Apple and Google's Android platform, according to a report by measurement firm comScore.

About eight million Canadians owned a smartphone in September and 35.8 per cent were using a BlackBerry, comScore said yesterday.

Apple had 30.1 per cent of the market, Android had 25 per cent, Symbian had 4.2 per cent and Microsoft had 3.2 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

AIDS. Awareness

▶ Primary-school students present red ribbons during an event on the eve of World AIDS Day in Wuyuan, southern China, yesterday.

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China marks World AIDS Day

China will have about 780,000 people infected with the AIDS virus by the end of this year, state media reported yesterday, with most having contracted it through heterosexual sex.

Teen feared she would be killed, court told

Shafia trial resumes Monday with prosecution's last witness, a cultural expert on so-called honour killings

A Montreal teenager was convinced her Muslim parents would kill her if they found out she was dating, her drowning trial heard yesterday.

Still, Sahar Shafia, 17, took the risk because she felt so strongly about her boyfriend, Ricardo Ruano, his aunt Erma Diaz Medina testified.

"She told me she would be a dead woman if her parents learned she was going out with Ricardo," Medina told court.

Medina said Shafia was absolutely serious about the threat, and mentioned it in conversation several times.

Shafia and Ruano, who is now 23, began their relationship in early 2009 and it quickly grew intense.

The couple even talked about getting married and going to his native Honduras to escape her family, which had immigrated from Afghanistan, court heard.

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▶ Sahar Shafia in a photo released by the court.

"She loved Ricardo," Medina told the seven-woman, five-man jury.

"She told me that she would love him till death."

Two months after that conversation, Shafia was dead, her cellphone full of innocent-looking pictures of the doting couple.

In other evidence Wednesday, a youth services worker testified that she was so alarmed by what Sahar Shafia said about her abusive household that she recommended immediate intervention.

Shafia, along with her two sisters Geeti, 13, and Zainab, 19, were found drowned along with their father's first wife, Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, on June 30, 2009, inside a car in a canal near Kingston, Ont.

Shafia's father, Afghan businessman Mohammad Shafia, 58, second wife, Tooba Yahya, 41, and their son Hamed, 20, have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the deaths.

The Crown alleges the accused killed Shafia and her siblings because their relationships with boys had dishonoured the family.

The accused say the deaths were an accident.

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Dawn of Democracy

The fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood party was emerging as the biggest winner in partial results yesterday from the first voting this week in Egypt's landmark election, in which voters turned out in unexpected droves The election is likely to be the best indicator of Egyptians' political sentiments after decades of elections under Mubarak that were so rigged that few people even bothered to vote

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▶ A young protester waves an Egyptian national flag in Tahrir Square in Cairo yesterday.

Free and fair

This week's historic vote is only the beginning of Egypt's election process.

- The Obama administration yesterday hailed the vote as Egypt's freest and fairest ever.
- This week's voting took place in nine of Egypt's 27 provinces, including the capital, Cairo.
- In subsequent rounds, other provinces will take their turn in a process that will continue until March.

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▶ An election official classifies votes in Cairo yesterday.

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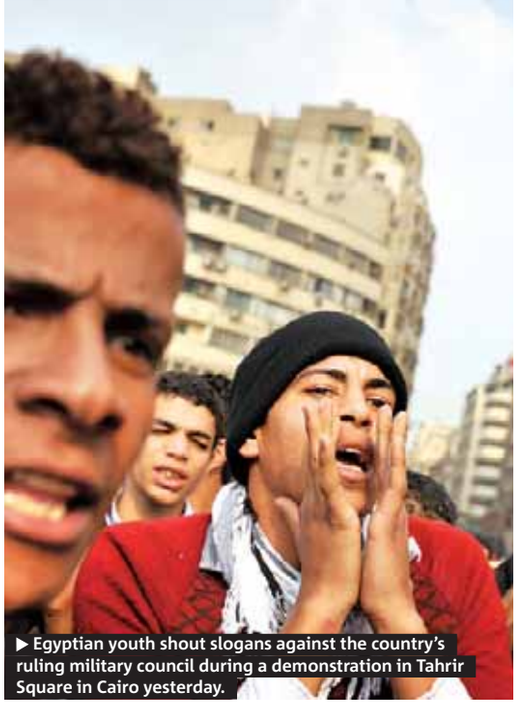

▶ Egyptian youth shout slogans against the country's ruling military council during a demonstration in Tahrir Square in Cairo yesterday.

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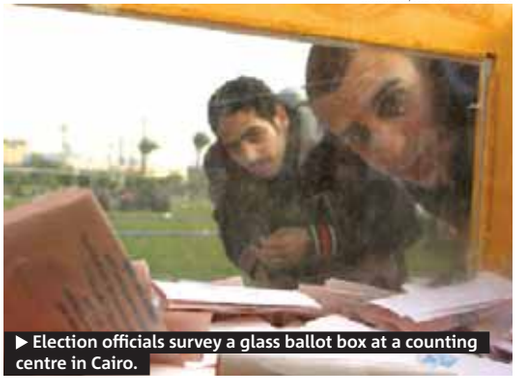

▶ Election officials survey a glass ballot box at a counting centre in Cairo.

Results roll in

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- Partial results reported by judges overseeing the count showed the Brotherhood leading, though the extent of their win was not clear.
- Key to the party's success were two major factors: The Brotherhood's history of helping the poor and a highly disciplined organization of activists, who on the two days of voting seemed to be everywhere.

McGuinty tables anti-bullying bill

Quebec teen's suicide fuels discussion over issue Ontario schools may be able to permanently expel bullies

A flip comment made on Facebook several weeks ago cut chillingly to the heart of a debate on bullying raging yesterday in Canada.

"Suspended 5 days! ahahaha! Not bad," the teenaged alleged aggressor of Quebec schoolgirl Marjorie Raymond wrote on Facebook on Nov. 1, apparently unperturbed by the penalty handed down by her school.

Within a month, Raymond had killed herself.

Cases like this one were the inspiration behind legislation tabled yesterday in Ontario. Following other high-profile teen suicides in that province, the McGuinty government introduced a bill that would allow schools to permanently expel students for bullying.

The Facebook post was one of several referring to the teen's run-ins with Raymond, who became severely depressed over the torment she faced at school.

When Raymond committed suicide, someone posted on the other girl's page: "You must be proud of yourself with a death on your conscience. ... Pathetic."

Raymond's death sparked outrage in Quebec yesterday, grabbing headlines and sparking debate in the provincial legislature. Premier Jean Charest said he was saddened to hear of Raymond's suicide and expressed his sympathies to her family.

"When these sad events happen, of course, we all ask ourselves if there are things we can do differently to avoid them," Charest told reporters.

Raymond took her own life on Nov. 28, telling her mother in a suicide note that she couldn't endure the physical and psychological abuse any longer.

The bullying had apparently been going on for three years and Raymond said in a suicide note made public by her mother that, "it's the fault of jealous people who want to wreck our happiness." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Jean Charest

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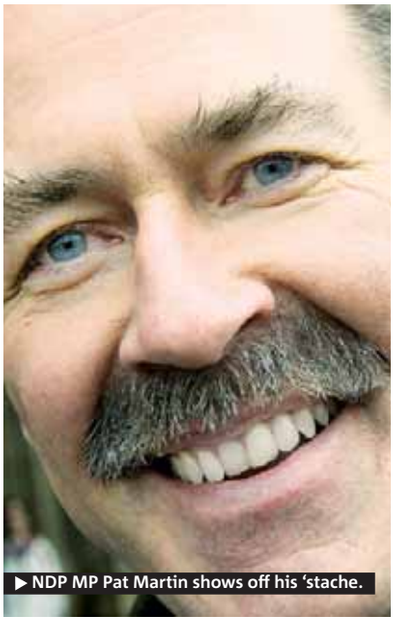
▶ Members of Parliament and Parliament Hill staff who participated in the Movember campaign pose with their moustaches yesterday in Ottawa.

Moustaches lead to Movember consensus on Hill

Members of Parliament showed off their moustaches in Ottawa during the last day of the annual Movember campaign Movember challenges men to grow moustaches for the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, including prostate cancer Canadians raised $33 million this year



▶ NDP MP Pat Martin shows off his 'stache.

▶ NDP MP Peter Stoffer grew his famous moustache back this month.

The campaign

- In 2003, goal was to get 30 men to grow their facial hair for 30 days to draw attention to men's cancers.
- Since then, the Movember Foundation charity has raised $174-million worldwide.
- Canadian campaign launched in 2007.
- 2011 Movember Ambassadors included Justin Bieber, Cake, Foster the People, Morgan Spurlock and Snoop Dogg.

▶ Liberal MP Justin Trudeau went a little "imperial" for Movember.

Shamed in 'his' jail

- Prison was named after ex-sheriff
- Now he's there in meth-sex case

A well-respected former Colorado sheriff was being held yesterday in the Patrick J. Sullivan Jr. Detention Facility in Arapahoe County.

His name: Patrick J. Sullivan Jr.

Sullivan, 68, was detained on a half-million-dollar bond in the jail named for him.

He is suspected of offering methamphetamine in exchange for sex from a male acquaintance.

Arapahoe County chief judge William Sylvester yesterday doubled Sullivan's bond. His attorney protested the increase because no charges have been filed.

Sullivan appeared in court dressed in an orange jail uniform. He walked with a cane and had handcuffs on his wrists that were attached to a chain around his waist.

Police say they learned from two informants that Sullivan was dealing meth but would sell it only if they had sex with him. He was arrested after police set up a sting at a home.

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Career highs

- In 2002, Sullivan was praised in the congressional record on his retirement.
- Sullivan was cited for promoting homeland security, for being named Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriff's Association in 2001, and for his work in Colorado's George W. Bush for President committee.

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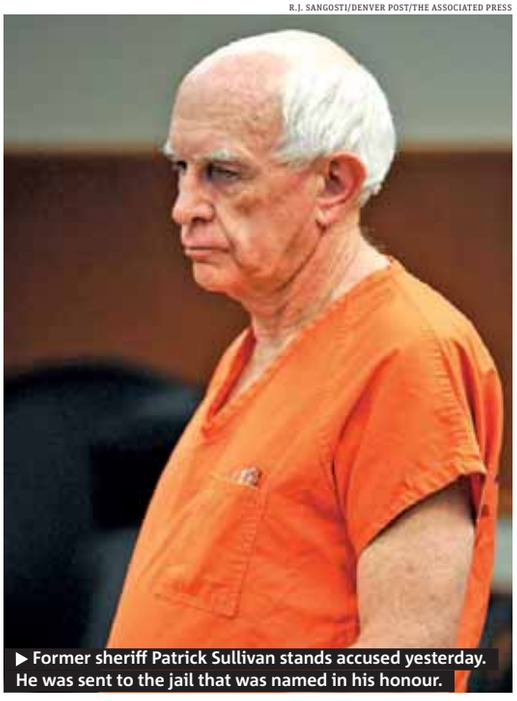

▶ Former sheriff Patrick Sullivan stands accused yesterday. He was sent to the jail that was named in his honour.

10 PEOPLE HELD

Anti-mafia crackdown nets judge

An Italian judge, politician and police official are among 10 people detained in a crackdown on the 'Ndrangheta crime syndicate.

Milan prosecutors said the investigation was conducted jointly by anti-mafia authorities in Milan and southern Reggio Calabria.

Last year, a major investigation that netted some 300 arrests showed the 'Ndrangheta wasn't just a southern association of clans, but rather a structured organization that had infiltrated itself into northern Italy's political and financial worlds.

Among those arrested yesterday was Judge Giuseppe Giglio of Reggio Calabria, accused of corruption, revealing office secrets and helping his wife get a job.

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Taxpayers file ... bags of snakes

Two farmers fed up with alleged bribery demands emptied three bags filled with snakes in a busy tax office in northern India.

The 40 or so snakes — including at least four deadly cobras — sent people climbing atop tables and scurrying out the door in Basti, about 300 kilometres southeast of Lucknow.

"Snakes started climbing up the tables and chairs," said an official, Ramsukh Sharma. "There was total chaos."

No one was bitten. Police and officials captured the snakes.

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Submitted for your approval: The sport of chessboxing

Checkmate or knockout? Either will earn you victory in this oddball sport ◗ This is chessboxing, a perfect combination of big brains and brute force ◗ Metro visits the chessboxers where they perform to learn more

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YVES SUCKSDORFF

▶ He'd better make his move and seal checkmate — otherwise, he'll be back in the boxing-ring, trading blows.

It's 10 a.m. on a Saturday morning at the Islington Boxing Club in north London. Stern-looking coaches oversee club members sparring and pounding punch bags. The heavy rap music blaring in the background deafens any gasps of air.

Suddenly, as the bell sounds, everyone takes off their gloves and gathers round checkerboards to start playing chess in pairs. Everyone looks calm and focused. Five minutes later, the bell sounds again, the gloves are back on and the boxing beasts return.

This is chessboxing, created by a Dutch performance artist named Lepe Rubingh, who was inspired by the French graphic novel "Froid Équateur", which featured the hybrid of chess and boxing. Rubingh introduced the weird sport to the world at its inaugural world championship in 2003.

Do boxers really have the intellectual appetite for the game of kings? If boxing powerhouse Vitali Klitschko is a fan, then perhaps yes.

"Chess is similar to boxing. You need to develop a strategy, and you need to think two or three steps ahead about what your opponent is doing," the heavyweight champ once commented.

During the game, fighters contest alternating rounds of boxing and speed chess, with either checkmate or knockout to seal a win. Clubs are cropping up worldwide, from Los Angeles, California to Krasnoyarsk, Siberia.

"The key to the sport is to switch from your body to your mind instantly so you'll be ready for chess's tactical thinking." TIM WOOLGAR, U.K. CHESSBOXING ORGANIZATION

Back in London, trainer Matt Read explains it's more than just an outlet for lethargic boxers.

"It started with boxers who wanted to play chess. Us chess geeks had to step up."

His long arms, showing signs of muscle-building boxing training, swoop across the squares as he demonstrates the club's basic technique, focused on dominating the centre of the chessboard.

"This training helps me strengthen myself mentally for my work," says Charlie Hayter, a 27-year-old financial analyst, who began the sport six months ago. "It's much harder than I thought to calm down and slow the heart rate in order to focus playing chess."

I give a go at chessboxing: I'm quickly wiped out on the miniature battlefield, and after a few minutes at the punching bag I'm soaked in sweat. Matt is giving me the hard sell. "The two sports are connected," he says. "They both release adrenalin and enhance desire to win."

He's not wrong, and after two hours having this much fun it's difficult to walk out of the door.

The rules

- **Match:** 11 rounds, alternating between boxing and speed chess.
- Players can win by knockout, checkmate or their opponent running out of chess time.

Kath Dodson — first female chessboxer

Physical and mental

A former video journalist with the BBC, Tim got completely into chessboxing after clinching Britain's heavyweight crown back in 2008.

Since founding the UK Chessboxing Organization in the same year, Tim has helped organize ten global tournaments in London, including 2011's Run-Riot.com London International Chessboxing Championship.

He sees evangelizing about the sport as his main mission in life, especially to the young.

"I want the sport to grow and take it to schools and youth clubs. I see its potential with the kids, who when they take part in the sport feel more confident, receive better grades in school and overall feel better about themselves."

Tim has big ambitions for the sport he describes as "physically exhausting but mentally and emotionally energetic."

For him, it's all about spreading the philosophies of his two heroes.

"Muhammad Ali and Bobby Fischer changed the world," he says, "and there's not a lot of sportsmen who can say that."

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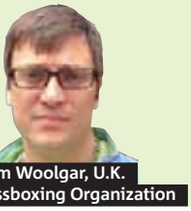

▶ Tim Woolgar, U.K. Chessboxing Organization

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Access to U.S. cash made easier for banks

Temporary dollar loans to be reduced by half a percentage point next Monday ◗ Stocks surged when announced

The Bank of Canada and five other central banks have launched a pre-emptive strike in an attempt to ward off a new global credit crunch and a possible new global recession.

The European Central Bank, the U.S. Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the central banks of Canada, Japan and Switzerland said yesterday they will make it cheaper for banks to access U.S. dollars.

The measure to reduce costs and access to U.S. dollars — thereby boosting liquidity and loan activity — was meant as a signal to markets that policy-makers are prepared to intervene aggressively at the first sign of trouble, said analysts. But it does not resolve the issue of sovereign debt in Europe and the solvency of European banks with billions of euros in government bonds on their books, they added.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty called the cooperation a "positive" indicator.

"One of the things that we see when there's a great deal of uncertainty is a tightening of credit and that has been a challenge particularly with respect to U.S. dollars and some of the European financial institutions. This is a step forward," he told reporters.

Flaherty reiterated that Europe is rich enough to help itself and should not relay on the International Monetary Fund, often called the bank of last resort for the poorest nations.

Analysts said European banks had been seeing their costs for acquiring funding in U.S. currency rise four-fold in recent months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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	Gold
	$1,750.30 US (+ $31.40 US)

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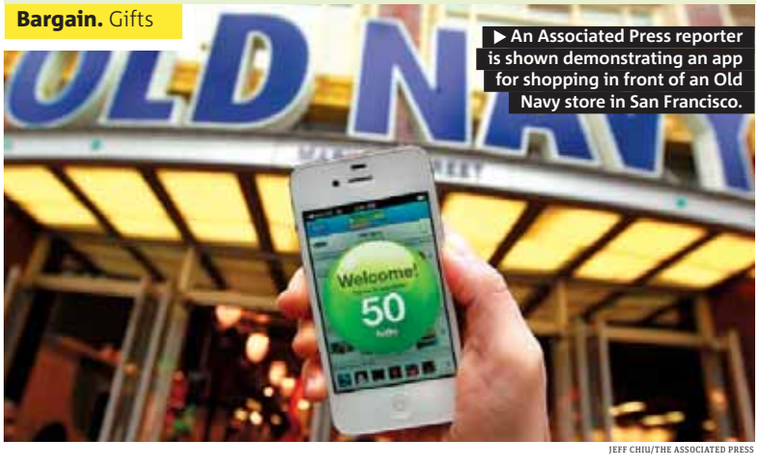

▶ An Associated Press reporter is shown demonstrating an app for shopping in front of an Old Navy store in San Francisco.

JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smart giving with a smartphone

If you're trying to save cash and time this holiday season, turn technology to your advantage — a slew of new smartphone apps aimed at shoppers can help.

Export boost temporary: Analysts

Surging exports helped revive Canada's economy in the third quarter after an unexpected spring swoon that appears to have been attributable to temporary factors. The real gross domestic product expanded by a 3.5 per cent in the July-September period. The big lift came from exports, which grew 14 per cent during the quarter, contributing about five percentage points to overall GDP. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP TILL YOU (LITERALLY) DROP

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

Now that Santa Claus parades have passed, snow has fallen and stores have entered their seventh exciting week of Christmas music, I think it's safe to talk shopping.

Not that there's anything safe about it.

The starting gun for holiday shopping is "Black Friday," though few Americans would use something as feeble as a starting gun to get their hands on a discounted DVD player.

This calls for heavy weaponry. It's in the constitution.

Even without firepower, Americans bulk up with turkey on "Black Thursday" to prepare for various cannonball moves needed to get at merchandise on Black Friday, shop at smaller stores on "Black Friday Hangover" and then online on "Cyber Monday." Other important days include "Utensil Blowout Tuesday," "Paisley Wednesday" and "The Thursday of Regret."

Meanwhile, Canadians watch the pepper sprayings and shootings and stampedes and can only think one thing: We want in. Though there's an annual lament that North Americans have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas, I can assure you that holiday shopping has been crazy for at least my entire lifetime.

"And who could forget Tickle Me Elmo, whose announcement, "Heh, heh! That tickles!" was an interesting counterpoint to store clerks yelling, "Dear God! Get off my spine!"

First it was Cabbage Patch Dolls. Nothing evoked the spirit of the season quite like old women having fistfights over ugly, fat-faced dolls.

Then there was Furby, a pricey doll that first spoke gibberish, but eventually learned English phrases like "A fool and his money are soon parted."

And who could forget Tickle Me Elmo, whose announcement "Heh, heh! That tickles!" was an interesting counterpoint to store clerks yelling, "Dear God! Get off my spine!"

It's never pretty, but what can be done? Well, I say this with utmost humility: Be more like me. If you shopped as I shop, we'd only need one shopping day. The entire continent would be done in minutes, actually. My goal during any shopping excursion is to treat the inside of the mall like it's Fukushima Daiichi — the less exposure the better. I'm a mission shopper.

RECORDING: Your mission, should you accept: We need a Chapters gift card, a backgammon set, and some sandalwood soap, whatever that is (women like it, we think). This MP3 player will self-destruct as soon as the warranty expires.

ME: I'll be in and out in 11 seconds.

With shopping complete, one can get back to the important things, such as enjoying the sights of the season, and repaying crippling shopping debts. And, because you skipped the violence, you'll have plenty of pepper spray next year for the repo man. Also, any store manager that decides to play Christmas music on Nov. 1.

As we remember the true meaning of the season, let us spray.

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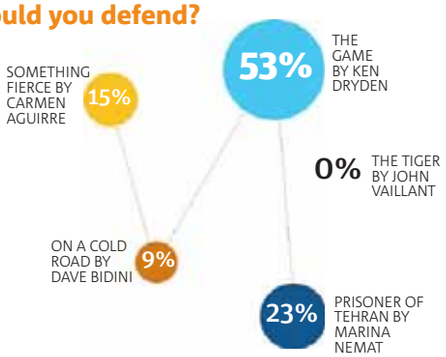
Which book in Canada Reads contest would you defend?



Local tweets

- **@DaveLozo:** For fun, Canucks fans should start calling Cory Schneider the C-Wall.
- **@BCLionsDen:** I get the whole going out on top thing, but I want Wally to keep coaching if he has the desire. One more Grey Cup would give him the most.
- **@VanChristmas:** Special treat tonight at the #Vancouver Christmas Market! See @DalRichards with @dawn_chubai singing Christmas classics 7-9pm...
- **@VanCanucks:** AV - Raymond will play tomorrow.
- **@foreveracanuckk:** If you having goaltending problems I feel bad for u son, we have 2 class goalies but the media & fans keeps degrading one.. HIT ME! #Canucks
- **@SharkClubParty:** Cory Schneider in against the Preds tomorrow. Do the Nucks have a goalie controversy brewing? What's your take?
- **@Vancouver:** If you don't think our city is beautiful on a day like today, please leave. #supercalafragalisticexpialadosious

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Daily Zoom

Foxy snow dive

Cunning fox goes 'mousing'

WYOMING. Deep in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone National Park, this red fox uses its large ears to listen out for a mouse before "snow-diving" to try and catch it.

Richard Peters had only a handful of seconds to snap this fox in motion, which had waited 20 minutes before launching its attack.

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"In the end, the mouse was quicker. The fox came out with nothing in its mouth."
RICHARD PETERS, PHOTOGRAPHER

Wolves head for warmer climate

PHOTO TOUR. For the 33-year-old photographer from London, this fox snap was not what he had intended. As he explained to Metro: "I went there to photo-hunt wolves. But the harsh winter — with over two metres of snow and temperatures as low as - 39 C — forced the wolves to migrate to warmer places."

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The soothing sounds

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This bill's alive with The Sound of Music

What happened in the hills before they were alive with the sound of music?

Silence, presumably.

Luckily, back in the '40s, Maria Augusta von Trapp listened to a friend who wouldn't stop harping about Trapp writing about her life so others would remember it.

Those early scribbles became the memoir The Story of the Trapp Family Singers, which, of course, was fictionalized for the musical The Sound of Music, first staged on Broadway in 1959 and subsequently adapted into the well-known and much-loved film starring Julie Andrews in 1965.

Most are familiar with the music. Who hasn't crooned Edelweiss with a table of drunken tourists in a German beer hall? (It was also reported back in the day that Ronald Reagan had it performed for an Austrian emissary when he visited the United States, mistakenly believing it to be the country's national anthem.)

▶ Disnea

The story follows an aspiring nun named Maria, sent by her Mother Superior to work for a widower with seven children. Well, Maria and Captain von Trapp quickly discover their shared love of his children, music and each other is impossible to deny. But war looms … and they must risk everything to stay together.

Thankfully, you only have to risk some cash to see this musical performed live in Vancouver. And set your calendar for any night between Dec. 8 and 31 before making your way down to Gateway Theatre for curtain.

There, you'll find Allen Stiles leading a 10-piece orchestra, Alison MacDonald playing Maria, Colleen Winton as Mother Superior, and Ian Butcher as Captain von Trapp. Choreography, Dawn Ewen; set design, Drew Facey and costumes, Carmen Alatorre.

Tickets: $47 for adults; studtent with valid ID, $30. Visit GatewayTheatre.com for more information.

2 scene

Kardashian

Reality TV star Kourtney Kardashian says she's expecting baby No. 2 with her boyfriend.

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Watch out Lohan, it's Love to the rescue

- Courtney Love offers her expertise in sobriety to Lindsay Lohan
- That's right, Kurt Cobain's widow is going to be a sobriety coach

THE WORD

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Well, if this doesn't spell the end for Lindsay Lohan, I don't know what does: Courtney Love, a woman once so wasted she was photographed having a stranger suck her bare nipple at a Wendy's, is apparently Lindsay Lohan's new sobriety coach.

Yes, in the new issue of Details, Love says she's taken on the role "because nobody else will."

Love says she is using her past to show Lohan that she is making a mistake by using drugs. "I went up to Lindsay's room one time and there was a show on called '101 Celebrity Oops' and I am like every other one, you know — boobs out, legs everywhere, throwing s– at Madonna, you know, whatever," Kurt Cobain's widow told the magazine. "I'm like 'Lindsay, look! Drugs are bad!'"

Love, whose daughter recently filed a restraining order against her, claims she's been clean since 2005. Does anyone need to know how bad of an idea this is? Having Courtney Love as your sober coach makes about as much sense has having Chris Farley as your weight-loss guru.

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

▶ Courtney Love

Celebrity tweets

@Joan_Rivers
Everyone is happy that Conrad Murray was sentenced to four years in prison, except for other inmates suffering from insomnia.

@MarthaStewart

twitter is not necessarily the place to worry about grammar,spelling and syntax- i just try to fit my thoughts into 140 characters or less..

@MatthewPerry

I'm on a train. Whatever.

@ConanOBrien

Not gonna say what I bought, but Amazon just reviewed my order and said, "You might also be interested in therapy."

Moore takes 'me time'

▶ Demi Moore

It turns out Demi Moore wasn't on hand for youngest daughter Tallulah's recent debutante ball in Paris because she stayed back in L.A. for some "me time." Moore, who recently filed for divorce from Ashton Kutcher, was spotted enjoying a dinner with close friend and florist Eric Butterbaugh at the Sunset Tower Hotel, according to Us Weekly. METRO

ScarJo loves bad boys

Scarlett Johansson admits she has a thing for bad boys, so to speak.

"I'm attracted to the quality of being adventurous and perhaps a bit mischievous and also questioning authority and being proactive," Johansson, who recently dated Sean Penn, tells Cosmopolitan. "If that makes up a quintessential bad boy, then whatever. I'm not at all attracted to meanness or bullying, but I do think conviction is attractive. I mean, really, who doesn't?"

One thing she doesn't find attractive, though, is over-sharing: "I don't have a Facebook or a Twitter account," she says.

"I don't know how I feel about this idea of, 'Now, I'm eating dinner, and I want everyone to know that I'm having dinner at this time.'"

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▶ Scarlett Johansson

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One festive fashionista

Iconic Canadian designer Marie Saint Pierre dishes on the dos and dont's of holiday dressing

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Celebrated Montreal-based designer Marie Saint Pierre has teamed up with Reitmans on a capsule collection of 10 dresses for the holidays.

Featuring the signature touches — asymmetrical hemlines, a playful combination of fabrics and architectural details — that have made Saint Pierre a hit internationally, each dress offers the versatility of day-to-evening wear at an accessible price.

"We wanted to offer essential dresses for this collection," explains Saint Pierre. "We wanted to give them timeless pieces that would go beyond Christmas and you could wear throughout the year," she adds of the offerings, all of which are variations of the little black dress.

When it comes to holiday dresses, Saint Pierre says if you opt for classic and elegant black, which is universally flattering on any shape, you can add a splash of colour with some accessories.

"Black is versatile and at the same time it is glamorous. It's such a functional colour for most people; it's like a blank canvas. If you are going to buy one dress, buy a black dress that you can wear for many occasions and for many years."

▶ Marie Saint Pierre for Reitmans collection. From left: V-neck dress with gold lace; V-neck knit and taffeta dress with sash; $85 each.

Top tip

Sleeveless dresses and tops should show off your arms, not your bra. If your bra straps show, the cut of the dress is wrong for you or the top is too big at your shoulders.

Creatively moving from day to night

"You can wear a cardigan over the dress during the day with flat shoes, then add the necklace, a pair of heels and remove the cardigan for the evening cocktail party," says Saint Pierre.

However, Saint Pierre did include that ultimate holiday colour — red — in the bustier of her bubble skirt dress as well as a lovely deep blue in the skirt of a taffeta number.

Saint Pierre believes that the movement and drape of a dress are key elements to look for when choosing what to wear to your holiday parties. "Having movement in a dress is important. That's when you create a buzz," says Saint Pierre, adding that holiday parties are the time to go all out and really shine.

"When you overdress, you create the party," she says. "I think the holidays are a time to dress up rather than dress down. So add on accessories."

It's all about choosing a figure-flattering dress that accentuates the right areas, as well as concealing the right areas.

"High-low hems (higher in the front, lower in the back) for instance gives a nice flow and silhouette as do A-line skirts," she explains.

Some people hesitate to wear strapless or sleeveless dresses to office holiday parties, deeming it inappropriate. Saint Pierre, however, poo-poos that notion. "It is the time when you can bare your shoulders. If not at a holiday party, then when?"

Holiday bling

How to accessorize your outfit

- "We worked a lot with chains. I think you can mix the chain with the fur, you can mix the chain with a nice cashmere scarf or a fur bag, or an amazing ring," says Saint Pierre.
- "I would not put too many accessories together though. Go with one big statement accessory."
- The designer also points to carrying a colourful clutch for a pop of colour with a black dress or adorning the wrist with a big cuff. "For an event, you can have a really great presence with a hat," she adds.

GEORGE PIMENTEL

▶ Heidi Klum rocking her Canadian hues while stopping over in the North to promote Shine.

Scent of a supermodel

Always-on-the-go model, host, artist, philanthropist and entrepreneur Heidi Klum pauses to chat with Metro about her new fragrance, Shine

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Perfume is very personal to each woman. What kind of woman do you think would gravitate towards Shine?

It's always so hard because I don't want to put women into a box and say this is the type of woman who would like it and others won't. I think perfume — you have to just try it and either you like it or you don't.

You always seem to be seriously involved in the development of your products. Was it the same for Shine?

Sometimes I think my partners would prefer if I was a little bit more a yesser but I'm probably more of the opposite. I believe whatever I put my name on — it's truly something that I've done and that I'm proud of. Before we finalize the perfume I have these little tester bottles and I wear different kinds to kind of feel it out — hear what people say — I send them around the office. I hear what friends and family have to say. What sells in statistics is sweet — mine is not sweet. I'm going against what the odds are.

Why go against the grain?

Because this is what I like. I like that kind of a scent, I like the spiciness of it — I do what I believe in.

3 life

Beauty pick

Fragrant flyer

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Jeanne Space

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@Jeanne_Beker:
Freaky to see my personal art collection displayed @AGOToronto storefront gallery on University Ave

- **@MeashaBG :** "@Jeanne_Beker: ...my personal art collection exhibit which opens @AGOToronto as part of their Collector's Series." I CAN'T WAIT2C THAT!
- **@Jeanne_Beker:** Hope to see you there! Miss you!!!! xoxo!

- **@Jeanne_Beker:** With @ShaunDowneyArt who created this introspective portrait of moi! @AGOToronto show, on til 16th.
- **@Rinowa_Toronto:** Love the portrait and the green dress! Fresh colour for a gloomy day ;)
- **@ZarGanmylife:** beautiful! Such a master piece:-)
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Let your holiday table sparkle

How to keep your silver, crystal and china clean and shining

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This week I take a practical approach to decorating with cleanliness and shine; making sure that all your treasured tabletop and bar items look their very best after a long year of storage in the china cabinet.

With a bit of technology and a few old-fashioned tips, you can release your inner butler and create tabletops that sparkle, shine and gleam!

Cleaning:
For the little time that it takes to polish up your glass and metals, you'll sit at the table with pride as your guests compliment how great everything looks.

I like to set the table completely, then go around and polish everything one final time. I suggest sitting in each guest's chair to do the polishing at each setting — you'll be surprised at what you see from each guest's perspective.

Here's an old-time method to remove time-worn tarnish from your silver treasures: Line a plastic basin with aluminum foil, shiny side up.

Place the tarnished flatware inside. Make sure all pieces are contacting the foil. Sprinkle in a 1/4 cup of baking soda and pour in 16 cups of boiling water. Stir and let the silver soak for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove the silver. Rinse, and buff with a clean, soft cloth.

Wear cotton gloves when setting the table; it's the simplest way to guarantee no fingerprints are left on dishes, cutlery and crystal. Silver items that are stored out of sight can also be kept in Ziploc bags to stop tarnishing.

Wrapping silverware in dark blue tissue paper will also keep it from tarnishing (so says my grandmother).

Felt pads layered between dishes is a smart way to protect from scratches and breakage. Felt Dinnerware Protector, $12/set; crateandbarrel.com

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▶ Give your table's bling a little love.

Protecting:
There is nothing worse than going to set a table and discovering that one of the stacked dinner plates is cracked.

You no longer have a full set to use and you are without the proper amount of required table settings.

The best way to keep your dishes, silver, crystal and flatware protected is to care for them properly.

Do not stack more than eight china plates or bowls on top of another to avoid too much pressure on bottom plates.

Some home goods stores sell storage bags specifically designed to store china. These are typically cloth or plastic bags, felt-lined and closed with zippers.

Sheets of felt can be purchased at fabric and craft stores, and placed between fine dishes to keep them protected.

Easy does it

When you stack, it is best to place a paper doily, or a rubber jar ring, between each plate to avoid scratching.

- **Lift:** If you do stack your china plates, lift them off when ready to use instead of sliding them out.
- **Line them up:** Do not stack fine china cups and do not hang cups from hooks or pegs. Place them on a shelf one by one in a row.
- **Pocket tricks:** If using foam pockets, place only one plate in each pocket.
- **Glass care:** If storing glasses in a box, stand them on end and place cut-up cardboard between wrapped glasses.
- **Normal temperatures:** Do not place china in a box in a cold basement or hot attic. Extreme temperatures can crack or craze fine china.

Handle with care:
Instead of air-drying your fine dishes always hand dry with a clean, lint-free cotton cloth to avoid water spots. The E-towel is patent-designed to dry glassware four times faster than a regular dishtowel to leave glasses smear-free and sparkling. (Check out goldaskitchen.com.)

Washing your wine glasses
An old rule says that if your wine glasses cost more than around $25 each they should be hand washed.

I can't tell you how many of my wine glasses have ended up with broken stems and chipped edges by washing them in the sink.

Now there's some help from Miele — their G5000 series dishwashers feature Perfect GlassCare technology which is gentle enough to clean fine china and crystal — wine glass maker Riedel endorses the Miele machines as the only ones they'd recommend.

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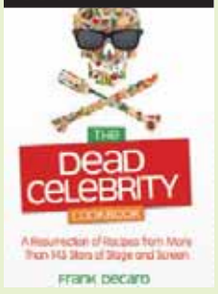

In his book The Dead Celebrity Cookbook: A Resurrection of Recipes by 150 Stars of Stage and Screen, Frank DeCaro puts long-gone stars in the spotlight once again.

Famous celeb's recipes were rescued for the book, including Elizabeth Taylor's Chicken with Avocado and Mushrooms, Frank Sinatra's Barbecued Lamb, Johnny Cash's Old Iron Pot Family-Style Chili and Katharine Hepburn's Brownies, among others.

Memories of warmer times

Chili Dogs, normally considered a summer treat, are remade for winter

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The recipe serves four.

Hot dogs tossed in a toasted bun and slathered with chili and shredded cheese tend to scream summer.

But because those flavours go so nicely together, they begged to be converted into a recipe that is better suited for fending off the chill of a winter night.

In converting the recipe, there was no reason to mess around too much with the hot dog or chili topping. Why ruin a good thing? Instead, the focus is on the starch. Roasted potatoes were the right flavour, but wrong texture. Mashed, however, were just right. The resulting recipe oozes comfort and warmth.

Winter Chili Dogs Preparation:

1. Place potatoes in pot and add enough water to cover. Bring to boil and cook 15 to 20 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Drain and return to pot. Add butter and milk, then mash until chunky smooth. Season with salt, pepper; set aside.
2. In saucepan over medium heat combine baked beans, tomato paste, cumin, smoked paprika, chili powder and cayenne. Simmer, cover and set aside.
3. Heat grill pan to medium-high. Add hot dogs and cook until heated through and browned on all sides, about 6 to 7 minutes.
4. To serve, divide mashed potatoes between 4 serving plates. Top each with a hot dog, then ladle beans and top with cheese, sour cream, jalapeños, red onion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients:

- 1 kg (2 pounds) Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 60 ml (4 tbsp or 1/2 stick) butter
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) milk
- Salt and black pepper
- 430 ml (15-ounce) can vegetarian baked beans
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) tomato paste
- 10 ml (2 tsp) cumin
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) paprika
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chili powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cayenne pepper
- 4 hot dogs
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shredded cheddar cheese
- Sour cream, to serve
- Chopped pickled jalapeno slices and red onion

Fight off the cold with a slow-cooked Pot Roast

This comforting & hearty meal is a must when the weather gets chilly

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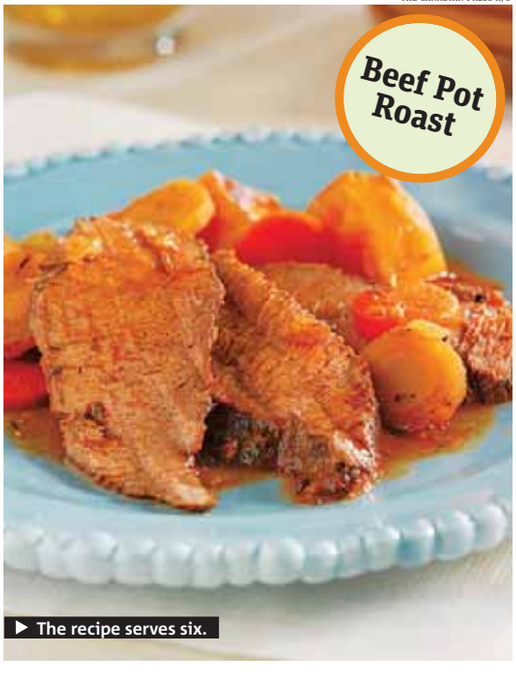

The recipe serves six.

Comforting and tasty, this beef pot roast can easily be served up for dinner.

The hearty meal also offers leftovers for another day. Serve it with mashed potatoes and buttered savoury cabbage.

Beef Pot Roast Preparation:

1. In slow cooker stoneware, place beef brisket and arrange vegetables. Mix wine and tomato paste, pour over brisket; add bay leaf and cook on Low for 5 to 6 hours or until meat is tender and vegetables are cooked through.
2. Meat juices will make delicious gravy. If thicker gravy is preferred, mix a little cold water with cornstarch and a few spoonfuls of meat juice in a small pan, add remaining liquid and bring to a boil to thicken. Season with salt and pepper to taste. CROCKPOT.CA/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Ingredients:

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) beef brisket roast
- 2 onions, quartered
- 2 carrots, cut in half lengthwise, then into 5-cm (2-inch) chunks
- Half a small rutabaga, peeled and cut into chunks
- 250 ml (1 cup) dry red wine or beef stock
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) tomato paste
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper, to taste

The cool ease of chowder

Easy Clam Chowder goes from stove to table in less than 30 minutes

Preparation:

1 In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat; add celery and onion and sauté for 2 to 3 minutes to soften.

2 Add milk; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and stir in potatoes. Continue cooking, stirring constantly, for 2 to 3 minutes or until slightly thickened.

3 Add clams with liquid, Worcestershire sauce, salt and hot pepper sauce; simmer for 5 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, to blend flavours. Serve garnished with parsley, if desired. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CLOVER LEAF

Variation

Include corn
Add 1 can (340 ml/12 oz) whole kernel corn, including liquid, with clams.

Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each diced celery and onion
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) 2% milk
- 250 ml (1 cup) instant mashed potatoes
- 2 cans (each 142 g) baby clams (undrained)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot pepper sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh parsley

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This recipe makes four servings.

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The man on the bench

With Schneider on a roll, Luongo must wait, with no word on when he'll be back in net

Roberto Luongo has shown patience in the past by outwaiting shooters to make brilliant saves.

Now the veteran's patience is being tested in a different way — the wait for another chance to play goal for the Vancouver Canucks.

And it won't come tonight against the Nashville Predators for the former NHL all-star, two-time Vezina nominee and Olympic champion.

He'll don a ball cap instead of a goalie mask and sit at the end of the bench because sophomore Cory Schneider's hot hand has earned the backup a seventh straight start.

"It's different but at the same time I'm not going to put my head down, I'm not going to get down on myself," Luongo said of his unaccustomed role after yesterday's practice.

He said coach Alain Vigneault has given him no firm indication when his next start will come.

"It's a game-by-game basis so I'm just going to work hard in practice and when I'm called upon I'll be ready," said Luongo, whose stall is next to Schneider's in the locker-room.

"I know this is a big story and I don't want to keep addressing it every day. I appreciate the appetite for it but I'm a team guy and when (we're) winning games, all is good.

"It's all about the team. It's not about me, it's not about Cory."

But the focus has been on Schneider since taking over after Luongo suffered a since-healed but undisclosed upper body injury in a 4-1 win over the New York Islanders on Nov. 13.

After a 5-1 loss to Chicago, the backup from Marblehead, Mass., posted two consecutive shutouts en route to five straight wins.

One of those was a 43-save effort in a 3-2 victory in San Jose, the Canucks' conference final opponent in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

In addition to stealing that game, Schneider started his run by stoning Ottawa with 28 saves in a 2-1 overtime victory.

▶ Cory Schneider is congratulated by Roberto Luongo on winning his fifth consecutive game on Tuesday.

7-5-1
Roberto Luongo has a 7-5-1 record while Cory Schneider is 7-4.

Over the five wins, he's stopped 164 of 168 shots and climbed into second place in save percentage at .937 behind the Bruins' Tim Thomas going into play yesterday. Schneider is fifth in goals-against average at 1.93.

Luongo's numbers are a tepid 2.97 goals-against average and an .896 save percentage. He's heard the boo-o-o-os a home as well as the Lou-u-u-us when handling the puck.

Sports talk radio callers are mindful that Luongo's in the second of a 12-year $64-million US contract.

Schneider, a restricted free agent at the end of the season, has a $900,000 salary cap hit.

But when facing the microphones both netminders are reading from the same script.

"Right now it's less about individuals and more about the team's success," said Schneider, who stopped 47 shots in Tuesday's 4-1 win over Columbus, a one-goal game in the third period.

"It should be the focus that we're winning as a team and that we're two points out of first place (in the Western Conference). I'm just happy to be contributing right now and helping the team out but I think with either one of us we're in good hands and have a good chance to win."

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Canucks preview

Nashville at Vancouver
7 p.m.
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The Canucks (14-9-1) look to make it six wins in a row with Nashville (11-9-4) coming to town on a low note. The Predators have one win in their last six games and haven't scored more than two goals in a game since Nov. 19 against Columbus. Sergei Kostitsyn has three assists in his last 11 games and hasn't scored in over a month. Ryan Suter and Shea Weber have 16 points each and lead the team in plus/minus with +11 and +13, respectively, but Kevin Klein (-11), Jonathon Blum (-9) and Francis Bouillon (-8) reveal some glaring holes in Nashville's defence.

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Raymond returns after frightening back injury

"We're happy he was able to come back this year and contribute. That was a real serious injury."
COACH ALAIN VIGNEAULT

Mason Raymond returns to the Vancouver Canucks lineup tonight against Nashville after a career-threatening injury knocked him out of the Stanley Cup final.

He suffered a frightening vertebrae compression fracture when knocked backwards into the corner boards by Johnny Boychuck of the Boston Bruins.

No penalty was called on the Game 6 hit that forced Raymond to wear a corset to stabilize his back.

"Of course it's scary," Raymond said yesterday after practising with Cody Hodgson and Jannick Hansen on the Canucks' third line.

"My life, your hockey life flashes before your eyes ... if you're going to be playing again. You don't realize what you use every day ... the use of your hands ... until maybe something like that happens. You get a different outlook on life."

Raymond had 15 goals and 39 points in 70 games last season after a breakthrough 25-goal campaign in 2009-10 earned him a two-year $5 million US deal.

After his injury on June 13, Raymond was virtually immobile for two months.

"I've come a long ways," said Raymond. "You go from lying in bed for a week, not even moving, to a brace for a few months. I didn't move off my back for quite a while.

"It's been a long process. I'm blessed to be back here playing the game that I love so I'm very thankful for it."

The six-foot, 185-pound Raymond is still trying to regain all of the 10 pounds he lost during his rehabilitation.

"Everybody knows about his speed, his great shot and his smarts so he's real fun to play with," Hodgson said of his new winger.

Raymond battled a sore hand and broken thumb but was among coach Alain Vigneault's top-six forwards for most of last season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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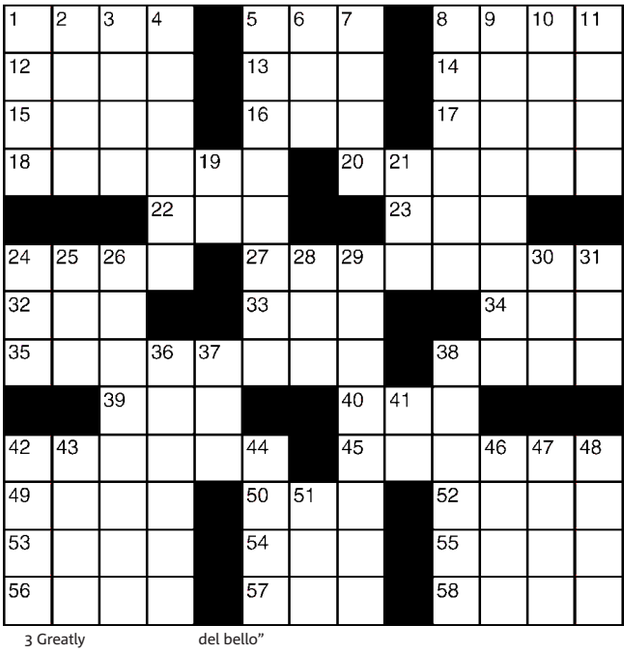

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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The only way you are going to realize your dream is to go your own way and do your own thing.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If others try tell you that you will achieve more in the long-term by backing off, don't listen to them.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Keep a sense of perspective today, especially when large sums of money could be up for grabs.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Others will be very demanding over the next 24 hours. If you know what's good for you, do as they say.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you are unhappy with certain aspects of your life, especially work, now is the time to do something about it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may have to postpone something you have been looking forward to, but you have promises to keep.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you have been taking too much for granted on the home front, today will bring you back to earth.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Today, you will discover someone has deceived you. The signs were there from the beginning.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Something that has been nagging at your mind for ages will suddenly make perfect sense.

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